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In re the Application of

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For: COMPOSITION FOR AN ORGANIC EL ELEMENT AND  
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE ORGANIC EL ELEMENTRESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTDirector of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the November 4, 2002 Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, claims 1, 2, 4-14, 16, 17 and 32-34, drawn to a composition for forming a luminescent layer (claims 1, 2, 4-14, 16, 17, 32 and 33) and an organic element having a luminescent layer (claim 34), the composition classified in class 252, subclass 301.16, with traverse.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 1, 2, 4-14, 16-18 and 20-35 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should

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apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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